



# Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION  
DOWN 57 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . According to an April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 41.0 million bushels this year, down 57 percent from 2005, and 62 percent lower than the 2004 crop.

Planted acreage for the 2006 crop is estimated at 5.7 million acres, up 4 percent from 2005 but 10 percent lower than 2004.

Production on the Northern High Plains is expected to total 21.5 million bushels, down 62 percent from a year ago. The Low Rolling Plains is expected to harvest 6.5 million bushels, a decrease of 67 percent from 2005. Producers on the Blacklands expect to harvest 6.5 million bushels, up 5 percent from last year.

On April 1, only 7 percent of the winter wheat acreage was rated from good to excellent condition, compared to 69 percent good to excellent last year.

Texas is the only state that makes an April 1 winter wheat production estimate. The first national wheat forecast will be released on May 12, 2006.

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# TEXAS WHEAT DISTRICT ESTIMATES, 2004, 2005 AND 2006

Districts	Planted acres			Production		
	2004	2005	2006 <sup>1/</sup>	2004	2005	2006 <sup>1/</sup>
	<u>1,000 acres</u>			<u>1,000 bushels</u>		
1-N .....	2,391.0	2,268.0	2,200.0	48,400	56,246	21,500
1-S .....	497.5	422.0	510.0	5,390	3,170	2,200
2-N .....	661.0	647.0	560.0	10,050	9,358	2,300
2-S .....	1,098.0	954.0	870.0	15,420	10,471	4,200
3 .....	531.0	470.0	530.0	5,370	3,671	2,300
4 .....	621.0	345.0	650.0	15,365	6,208	6,500
7 .....	284.0	240.0	230.0	4,580	4,385	1,300
8-N .....	100.0	74.0	60.0	2,160	1,479	450
Other districts <sup>2/</sup> ...	116.5	80.0	90.0	1,765	1,012	250
<b>STATE .....</b>	<b>6,300.0</b>	<b>5,500.0</b>	<b>5,700.0</b>	<b>108,500</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>41,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2/</sup> Total of individual districts with less than 50,000 acres planted.

